

Appl. No. 10/648,870
Amdt. dated December 29, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9-17 remain pending in the application.

Applicant appreciates Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in the above claims.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's suggestion to add section headings to the Specification but respectfully declines the invitation. As noted in the Office Action and also in MPEP § 608.01(a) the suggested section headings are merely preferred and not required. Thus, no amendments to the disclosure have been presented.

In that the claims are allowable as presented, Applicant requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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